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**ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
PLANNING COMMISSION
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Memorandum



To: Planning Commission
From: Christopher Solberg, City Planner
Date: 2/10/2011
Re: Annual Goals Review

As part of the annual comprehensive plan review, I have reviewed the Goals of the comprehensive plan and the City's progress in achieving these goals.

Comprehensive Plan Goals

1. *Plan and produce community based projects directed at improving the quality of life and creating a sense of community for all residents of La Vista.*

The Vision 84 study was developed to improve the overall quality of life and sense of community for the residents. La Vista celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2010 with a number of activities. The City also took over La Vista Daze and held the annual festival with great success. These two helped to create a sense of community for residents.

2. *Foster the value of the community and encourage the development of local action to preserve and strengthen the City of La Vista.*

La Vista celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2010 with a number of activities. The City also took over La Vista Daze and held the annual festival with great success. The Vision 84 study stirred interest in the redevelopment of the corridor and the strengthening of the community as a whole.

3. *Implement appropriate community and economic developments to enable an increase in the population of La Vista by an estimated 2.1 percent per year for the next ten years, or 2,534 people and 981 households.*

No current-year population estimate was provided for when the plan was developed in 1997. However, a census estimate for 1999 listed within the plan stated a projected population of 11,864. A City-developed estimate in 2010 concluded the population within the incorporated area to be 19,360. This represents a growth of 7,496, significantly higher than the goal.

4. *Provide all residents with access to a variety of safe, decent, sanitary housing types, including elderly and persons with disabilities.*

Single-family construction continues to develop within several subdivisions in the City Limits and in the Extra-Territorial Planning Jurisdiction. Renovations to

Crestview Apartments at 72nd and Harrison have started. Three new apartment complexes have started development. Cimarron Terrace at 96th and Harrison, as well as Harrison Heights and Orchards at Wildwood near 75th and Harrison have all broken ground. The latter two will provide housing for seniors.

5. *Stabilize and broaden the economic base to create and expand employment opportunities for all age categories. Establish an annual La Vista Visioning Program to focus on the annual creation of business and industrial types most appropriate for the community.*

A number of commercial and industrial entities opened their doors in La Vista in 2010. The City worked with MAPA and the Nebraska Department of Economic Development on three Community Development Block Grants for new industry in the La Vista planning jurisdiction.

6. *Enhance the physical appearance and character of the community, with special emphasis on commercial corridors*

The City completed work on Vision 84, creating a vision for the future of the 84th Street corridor. Expansion of the Gateway Corridor overlay district upon the 84th Street corridor will provide the City to opportunity to conduct design review of new developments along 84th Street. Design review activities in other areas assisted with the physical appearance and character of Cimarron Terrace, Harrison Heights, Orchards at Wildwood, and Pinnacle Bank.

7. *Strengthen relations with neighboring communities by teaming together to create a "quality of life initiative" to address the many needs, desires and activities of all segments of the population in and around the La Vista area.*

La Vista works with staff of surrounding communities on a regular basis. Community Development staff have occasional meetings with planners in other Sarpy County cities.

8. *Develop a land use plan which embodies the identified goals and policies and adopt a zoning ordinance and subdivision regulations to implement the land use plan and policies*

Changes to the zoning ordinance over the past year reflect the City's desires to meet its goals and policies. Improvements to Sections 2.02, 5.03-5.09, and 5.17 were approved by the Planning Commission and City Council.

9. *Ensure all of improved and expanded infrastructure systems in La Vista, for planned residential, commercial and industrial growth, meet the building and operational standards set forth by the City of La Vista*

The La Vista Public Works department continues to maintain and expand infrastructure systems to efficiently provide services to residential, commercial, and industrial uses.

10. *Through citizen consensus, maintain the public facilities and recreational spaces and programs needed in La Vista.*

The Vision 84 study provided recommendations for public and recreational spaces within the 84th Street Corridor. The City also worked on the development of a master campus plan for City Hall and the surrounding

property. A plan for the revitalization of the City's existing parks is nearing completion.

Annexation

Each year the City is recommended to review the annexation plan. Changes to the annexation plan were adopted in October 2010. A resolution was presented to City Council on January 18th for the annexation of specific areas within the annexation plan.

2011 Action Items

The following action items serve as suggested priority projects for the City to work on for 2011.

1. Commence Phase 2 of the Vision 84 process.
2. Completion of the Mini Park Plans.
3. Develop improvements to the zoning ordinance, including the addition of a mixed use district for use within the 84th Street Corridor.
4. Continue to work to improve the quality of life for all citizens.